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SUBJECT: QATARI MEDIATION EFFORTS ON UAE-SAUDI AGREEMENT

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1. DURING AUGUST 11 CONVERSATION ON ANOTHER SUBJECT (SEPTTEL) WITH ACTING RULER/FOREIGN MINISTER OF QATAR, SHAYKH SUHAYM BIN HAMAD AL THANI, I ASKED ABOUT REPORTED QATARI MEDIATION EFFORTS ON UAE-SAUDI AGREEMENT. SHAYKH SUHAYM REPLIED THAT GOQ HAD BEEN ACTIVE ON PROBLEM AND THAT HE HIMSELF HAD VISITED RIYADH THREE TIMES DURING PAST YEAR TO FACILITATE SETTLEMENT. IN ADDITION, ACCORDING SUHAYM, THE AMIR, SHAYKH KHALIFA, HAD ALSO HELD BORDER MEETINGS WITH KING FAISAL AND SAHYKHS ZAYID AND RASHID ON PROBELM. SUHAYM EXPRESSED GREAT PLEASURE OVER AGREEMENT, WHICH HE SAID CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO REGIONAL STABILITY AND IMPROVED ATMOSPHERE AMONG GULF STATES.

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2. COMMENT: GIVEN THEIR BASIC CONSERVATISM AND CLOSE SAUDI

CONNECTIONS, QATARIS TOO OBVIOUSLY HOPE THAT UAE/SAUDI AGREEMENT
WILL CIRCUMSCRIBE WHAT THEY REGARD AS POLITICAL CAPRICIOUSNESS
OF ZAYID AND HIS PROCLIVITY, IN QATARI EYES, TO BE TOLERANT
OF ARAB RADICAL ELEMENTS IN GULF AND ELSEWHERE.
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